

January 22, 2013

Subject: Docket number COE-2012-0016: Proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal coal export proposal  
EIS scoping comment

Dear Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Ecology and Whatcom County Council:

Please consider my comments on the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement:

- The cumulative impacts to the earth's climate by the burning of the coal proposed to be extracted and exported should be considered.
- The cumulative carbon impacts of the on-going extraction and transporting of this coal should be considered.
- The impact to the various communities along the transportation route should be considered, including:
  - increased noise along the route
  - release of coal dust along the route
  - increased traffic congestion along the route
  - impacts to existing businesses and residents because of additional train traffic
  - impacts to health because of the toxic effects of coal dust.

The scope of the EIS should be as broad as possible and consider all cumulative impacts, such as the cumulative health impacts to various communities because of coal dust.

In general, I strongly oppose the construction of a coal export terminal at Cherry Point, Washington and transporting strip-mined coal from Montana and Wyoming on trains and ships throughout the Northwest.

Thank you.

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